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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

At page 1, immediately following the title of the application, please add the following paragraphs:

**PRIORITY CLAIM:**

A<sup>1</sup> This application claims priority from United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/175,136, filed January 7, 2000, entitled "TRUSTED INTERMEDIARY", and naming as inventors Sandeep Jain, Sudheer Thakur, and Kevin Darryl Jeu, the content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph at page 19, lines 7 through 16 as follows:

A<sup>2</sup> FIG. 4 shows a computer network 400 illustrating a computerized embodiment of the invention. Network 400 includes a plurality of computers 408-1 to 408-N and a "Commerce Hub" computer 412. Each computer 408-1 to 408-N corresponds to a partner 108-1 to 108-N (of FIG. 2) and their respective private signature creation keys  $Ke_{s1}$  to  $Ke_{sN}$ , and public signature decryption key  $Kd_i$ . For example, computers 408-1 to 408-N each creates a respective private